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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## TRANSITION OF DRIVER LICENSE SERVICES IN POLK COUNTY TO BE FINALIZED

~ Haines City DL office will be closed for one day to complete transition ~

**TALLAHASSEE, Fla.** – The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles announced today that the driver license office located at 930 Lily Avenue East in Haines City will be closed on Friday, Jan. 31, as part of the transition of operations. The office will re-open Monday, Feb. 3, under the operation of Polk County Tax Collector Joe Tedder.

The office will continue to be a driver license office only. It will not provide motor vehicle or other tax collector services. Hours of operation will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Tuesday and Thursday-Friday. The office will be open from 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

The move will complete the transition of all driver license services in Polk County to the Tax Collector. In addition to the Haines City office, customers have the option of visiting two other locations in Polk County. These offices offer both driver license/identification card and motor vehicles registration serices:

- 916 North Massachusetts Avenue, Lakeland, FL (Open 8 a.m. 5 p.m., Mon., Tue., Thur., Fri.; and 8:30 a.m. 5 p.m., Wed.)
- 658 Highway 60 West, Lake Wales, FL (Open 8 a.m. 5 p.m., Mon., Tue., Thur., Fri.; and 8:30 a.m. 5 p.m., Wed.)

Florida now requires additional documents to obtain a new or renewed driver license or ID card. If you visit an office to make any type of driver license transaction, you should prepare by bringing original documents to show proof of identification, Social Security number and residential address (two items). Customers who have ever changed their names legally must bring additional documentation. To find out exactly what you need to bring with you, visit <a href="https://www.GatherGoGet.com">www.GatherGoGet.com</a>.

The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles provides highway safety and security through excellence in service, education and enforcement. The Department is leading the way to a safer Florida through the efficient and professional execution of its core mission: the issuance of driver licenses, vehicle tags and titles and operation of the Florida Highway Patrol. To learn more about DHSMV and the services offered, visit <a href="https://www.flhsmv.gov">www.flhsmv.gov</a>, find us on <a href="facebook">Facebook</a> or follow us on YouTube at <a href="facebook">FLHSMV</a>, Instagram at FLHSMV or Twitter <a href="mailto:gruphschook">GFLHSMV</a>.